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RESULTS OF MARKETING QUOTA REFERENDUMS

Since the beginning of production adjustment programs in the 1930's the referendum method has been used to obtain -- direct from individual producers -- an expression of their desire for or against the initiation or continuation of an adjustment measure.

The first actual referendum was held in 1934, on the question of a corn-hog adjustment program in 1935. More than half a million signers of the 1934 contract voted in this referendum, and more than two-thirds of the number voting favored the adoption of the new program. On this mandate, the detailed program was formulated and the contracts offered to producers.

Referendums similar to the corn-hog vote also were used early in production adjustment history among cotton and tobacco growers to determine whether the Bankhead and Kerr-Smith Acts should be continued in effect in the 1935 season.

When the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 was enacted, referendums were directed in connection with marketing quotas for the six so-called "basic" crops -- wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts, corn, and tobacco. The quotas are for use under conditions of heavy supply; they provide a method of allocating the available market among the farms growing the crop; they are made effective through farm acreage allotments, and monetary penalties, when applicable, on production or marketings from excess acreage if the acreage exceeds the farm allotment.

With a few exceptions, the marketing quota programs provided in 1938 -- and the referendums which approve their use -- are still current. However, quotas were never in effect for corn, and the quota authority for this crop was repealed in 1954 (corn allotments were ended with the 1958 crop.) Special legislation exempts wheat and upland cotton from marketing quotas through the 1977 crop.

No marketing quota program can be put into effect without the approval of at least two-thirds of the producers voting in a national referendum. When quotas are approved by growers voting in a referendum, the quotas apply to all producers of the crop. A special marketing quota program for flue-cured tobacco provides poundage quotas as well as acreage allotments when approved by more than two-thirds of the farmers voting in a referendum. A poundage program is in effect for burley tobacco.

The following tables list results of referendums held on marketing quotas for the basic crops as provided by the Act of 1938 and its later amendments.

COTTON, UPLAND

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			:	Percent Yes
				Total	Yes	No		
1938		Mar. 1938		1,527,028	1,406,088	120,940		92.1
1939		Dec. 1938		1,169,663	983,903	185,760		84.1
1940		Dec. 1939		962,273	877,297	84,976		91.2
1941		Dec. 1940		918,857	848,428	70,429		92.3
1942		Dec. 1941		840,881	789,662	52,219		93.9
1943 <u>1/</u>		Dec. 1942		762,856	657,452	105,404		86.2
1950		Dec. 1949		644,135	575,963	68,172		89.4
1954		Dec. 1953		487,453	458,382	29,071		94.0
1955		Dec. 1954		346,542	318,949	27,593		92.0
1956		Dec. 1955		292,488	271,887	20,601		93.0
1957		Dec. 1956		231,678	214,003	17,675		92.4
1958		Dec. 1957		229,315	213,046	16,269		92.9
1959		Dec. 1958		274,943	253,590	21,353		92.2
1960		Dec. 1959		188,349	179,259	9,090		95.2
1961		Dec. 1960		193,456	186,935	6,521		96.6
1962		Dec. 1961		280,499	271,824	8,675		96.9
1963		Dec. 1962		217,020	203,310	13,710		93.7
1964		Dec. 1963		234,682	220,701	13,981		94.0
1965		Dec. 1964		305,452	293,865	11,587		96.2
1966		Nov. 1965		211,810	200,810	11,000		94.8
1967		Dec. 1966		301,442	276,205	25,237		91.6
1968		Dec. 1967		276,336	263,405	12,931		95.3
1969		Dec. 1968		288,165	276,122	12,043		95.8
1970		Dec. 1969		266,895	256,521	10,374		96.1
1971-73	<u>2/</u>							
1974-77	<u>3/</u>							

1/ Suspended

2/ Agricultural Act of 1970

3/ Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973

COTTON, EXTRA LONG STAPLE

Crop	: Date of : Referendum	: Total	Votes		: Percent : Yes
			: Yes	: No	
1954	Dec. 1953	1,643	1,467	176	89.3
1955	Dec. 1954	1,193	1,107	86	92.8
1956	Dec. 1955	1,115	1,005	110	90.1
1957	Dec. 1956	888	839	49	94.5
1958	Dec. 1957	1,246	1,097	149	88.0
1959	Dec. 1958	1,180	1,044	136	88.5
1960	Dec. 1959	861	732	129	85.0
1961	Dec. 1960	1,016	914	102	90.0
1962	Dec. 1961	1,175	1,042	133	88.7
1963	Dec. 1962	1,129	925	204	81.9
1964	Dec. 1963	1,237	919	318	74.3
1965	Dec. 1964	953	764	189	80.2
1966	Nov. 1965	1,173	930	243	79.3
1967	Dec. 1966	2,813	2,205	608	78.4
1968	Dec. 1967	2,186	1,912	274	87.5
1969	Dec. 1968	2,416	2,183	233	90.4
1970	Dec. 1969	2,165	2,036	129	94.0
1971	Dec. 1970	2,013	1,900	113	94.4
1972	Dec. 1971	1,956	1,853	103	94.7
1973	Dec. 1972	2,039	1,899	140	93.1

RICE

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			:	Percent Yes
				Total	:	Yes	:	No
1939		Dec. 1938		7,890		3,806		4,084
1955		Jan. 1955		17,647		15,911		1,736
1956		Jan. 1956		10,645		9,008		1,637
1957		Dec. 1956		6,984		6,384		600
1958		Dec. 1957		6,827		6,207		620
1959		Dec. 1958		7,570		6,577		993
1960		Dec. 1959		6,168		5,584		584
1961		Dec. 1960		6,088		5,553		535
1962		Jan. 1962		8,973		8,455		518
1963		Jan. 1963		9,990		8,774		1,216
1964		Dec. 1963		8,307		7,464		843
1965		Jan. 1965		7,626		6,932		694
1966		Nov. 1965		6,496		5,971		525
1967		Jan. 1967		11,661		10,257		1,404
1968		Jan. 1968		12,915		12,345		570
1969		Jan. 1969		11,545		10,778		767
1970		Jan. 1970		13,964		12,629		1,335
1971		Jan. 1971		11,874		11,138		736
1972		Jan. 1972		11,659		11,019		640
1973		Jan. 1973		11,422		10,768		654

WHEAT

Crop	Date of Referendum	Total	Votes		Percent Yes
			Yes	No	
1941 <u>1/</u>	May 1941	559,630	453,569	106,061	81.0
1942 <u>1/</u>	May 1942	392,111	323,030	69,081	82.4
1943 <u>1/</u>			NO VOTE		
1954	Aug. 1953	447,757	390,221	57,536	87.2
1955	July 1954	284,646	208,623	76,023	73.3
1956	June 1955	347,652	268,817	78,835	77.3
1957	July 1956	280,466	245,081	35,385	87.4
1958	June 1957	235,039	202,668	32,371	86.2
1959	June 1958	230,300	193,583	36,717	84.1
1960	July 1959	210,187	169,760	40,427	80.8
1961	July 1960	178,718	156,134	22,584	87.4
1962	Aug. 1961	278,515	221,250	57,265	79.4
1963	Aug. 1962	247,508	169,348	78,160	68.4
1964	May 1963	1,222,856	584,284	638,572	47.8

1/ Suspended

PEANUTS

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			:	Percent	
				Total	:	Yes		:	No
1941)									
1942)		Apr. 1941		73,850		64,462		9,388	87.3
<u>1/</u> 1943)									
1948)									
<u>1/</u> 1949)		Dec. 1947		105,089		92,136		12,953	87.7
1950)									
1951)									
1952)		Dec. 1950		68,910		48,790		20,120	70.8
1953)									
1954)									
1955)		Dec. 1953		66,433		62,637		3,796	94.3
1956)									
1957)									
1958)		Dec. 1956		39,138		36,596		2,542	93.5
1959)									
1960)									
1961)		Dec. 1959		33,598		31,875		1,723	94.9
1962)									
1963)									
1964)		Dec. 1962		42,838		41,508		1,330	96.9
1965)									
1966)									
1967)		Nov. 1965		36,413		35,516		897	97.5
1968)									
1969)									
1970)		Dec. 1968		50,358		48,808		1,550	96.0
1971)									
1972)									
1973)		Dec. 1971		43,641		42,503		1,138	97.4
1974)									

1/ Suspended

TOBACCO

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast	For three years	For one year	Against quotas
Flue-cured	1938	Mar. 12, 1938	255,095	--	86.2		13.8
	1939	Dec. 10, 1938	233,393	--	56.8		43.2
	1940	Oct. 5, 1939	250,671	--	90.0		10.0
	1941, 1942, 1943	July 20, 1940	203,059	86.1	1.8		12.1
	1944, 1945, 1946	July 24, 1943	143,510	87.6	3.1		9.3
	1947, 1948, 1949	July 12, 1946	256,735	97.1	1.2		1.7
	1950, 1951, 1952	July 23, 1949	230,719	97.7	0.9		1.4
	1953, 1954, 1955	July 19, 1952	260,163	97.8	1.0		1.2
	1956, 1957, 1958	July 23, 1955	200,444	95.5	1.8		2.7
	1959, 1960, 1961	Dec. 15, 1958	176,607	95.4			4.6
	1962, 1963, 1964	Dec. 12, 1961	194,121	98.1			1.9
	1965, 1966, 1967	Dec. 15, 1964	356,951	96.5			3.5
	1965, 1966, 1967 <u>1/</u>	May 4, 1965	229,880	73.6			26.4
	1968, 1969, 1970 <u>1/</u>	July 18, 1967	162,314	96.5			3.5
	1971, 1972, 1973	July 16, 1970	129,961	98.4			1.6
	1974, 1975, 1976	July 17, 1973	100,466	98.5			1.5
Burley	1938	Apr. 9, 1938	177,078	--	87.1		12.9
	1939	Dec. 17, 1938	217,339	--	59.4		40.6
	1940	Nov. 21, 1939	118,527	--	83.3		16.7
	1941, 1942, 1943	Nov. 23, 1940	145,089	76.5	3.1		20.4
	1944, 1945, 1946	Oct. 23, 1943	123,559	92.8	2.1		5.1
	1947, 1948, 1949	Oct. 25, 1946	135,326	95.9	1.7		2.4
	1950, 1951, 1952	Nov. 26, 1949	155,483	92.3	3.5		4.2
	1953, 1954, 1955	Nov. 22, 1952	179,493	97.0	1.3		1.7
	1955 Redetermination	Apr. 28, 1955	340,822	<u>2/</u> 96.0			<u>2/</u> 4.0
	1956, 1957, 1958	Dec. 29, 1955	194,415	95.3			4.7
	1959, 1960, 1961	Feb. 24, 1959	190,453	98.7			1.3
	1962, 1963, 1964	Feb. 20, 1962	176,926	99.2			.8
	1965, 1966, 1967	Feb. 25, 1965	361,167	99.0			1.0
	1966, 1967, 1968 <u>1/</u>	Mar. 10, 1966	285,211	57.0			43.0
	1967, 1968, 1969 <u>1/</u>	Feb. 27-Mar. 3, 1967	341,539	58.8			41.2
	1968, 1969, 1970	Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 1968	299,696	97.0			3.0
	1971, 1972, 1973	May 4, 1971	328,608	96.6			3.4

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TOBACCO (continued)

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast		
				For three years	For one year	Against quotas
Fire-cured 1938		Mar. 12, 1938	48,788	--	80.6	19.4
and dark 1939		Dec. 7, 1938	43,736	--	60.4	39.6
air-cured <u>3/</u>						
Fire-cured 1941, 1942, 1943 <u>4/</u>		Nov. 23, 1940	23,296	86.3	2.1	11.6
1946 <u>5/</u> , 1947, 1948		Oct. 20, 1945	13,557	90.8	2.8	6.4
1949, 1950, 1951		Nov. 27, 1948	21,140	94.7	2.5	2.8
1952, 1953, 1954		Dec. 7, 1951	13,350	96.5	1.8	1.7
1955, 1956, 1957		Dec. 14, 1954	11,919	95.6	1.8	2.6
1958, 1959, 1960		Feb. 18, 1958	8,821	96.0		4.0
1961, 1962, 1963		Feb. 24, 1961	11,319	98.0		2.0
1964, 1965, 1966		Feb. 28, 1964	11,978	94.7		5.3
1967, 1968, 1969		Feb. 13-17, 1967	13,783	93.5		6.5
1970, 1971, 1972		Feb. 16-20, 1970	12,767	93.8		6.2
1973, 1974, 1975		Feb. 19-23, 1973	10,504	93.2		6.8
Dark	1941, 1942, 1943 <u>4/</u>	Nov. 23, 1940	10,578	84.2	2.2	13.6
air-cured	1946 <u>5/</u> , 1947, 1948	Oct. 20, 1945	18,167	96.1	1.5	2.4
	1949, 1950, 1951	Nov. 27, 1948	17,717	96.1	1.5	2.4
	1952, 1953, 1954	Dec. 7, 1951	11,430	97.4	1.5	1.1
	1955, 1956, 1957	Dec. 14, 1954	9,538	95.9	1.2	2.9
	1958, 1959, 1960	Feb. 18, 1958	8,381	96.6		3.4
	1961, 1962, 1963	Feb. 24, 1961	9,082	98.7		1.3
	1964, 1965, 1966	Feb. 28, 1964	9,113	97.8		2.2
	1967, 1968, 1969	Feb. 13-17, 1967	13,695	93.0		7.0
	1970, 1971, 1972	Feb. 16-20, 1970	12,234	93.2		6.8
	1973, 1974, 1975	Feb. 19-23, 1973	10,901	93.7		6.3

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TOBACCO (continued)

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast		
				For three years	For one year	Against quotas
Virginia sun-cured	1950,1951,1952	Dec. 15, 1949	2,021	85.1	6.4	8.5
	1953,1954,1955	Nov. 22, 1952	2,095	97.1	2.0	0.9
	1956,1957,1958	Dec. 29, 1955	1,577	98.0		2.0
	1959,1960,1961	Feb. 24, 1959	1,128	97.9		2.1
	1962,1963,1964	Feb. 20, 1962	1,431	98.5		1.5
	1965,1966,1967	Feb. 25, 1965	1,169	97.5		2.5
	1968,1969,1970	Feb.26-Mar.1, 1968	786	93.4		6.6
	1971,1972,1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	665	94.6		5.4
Maryland	1951,1952,1953	Dec. 20, 1950	6,273	18.1	19.1	62.8
	1952,1953,1954	Dec. 7, 1951	5,258	15.5	13.1	71.4
	1953,1954,1955	Oct. 29, 1952	6,383	64.5	9.6	25.9
	1954,1955,1956	Oct. 29, 1953	5,171	51.3	12.8	35.9
	1955,1956,1957	Dec. 17, 1954	5,555	43.7	7.4	48.9
	1956,1957,1958	Dec. 29, 1955	7,543	81.0		19.0
	1959,1960,1961	Feb. 24, 1959	5,021	64.2		35.8
	1960,1961,1962	Feb. 2, 1959	5,958	77.8		22.2
	1963,1964,1965	Feb. 14, 1963	4,441	83.8		16.2
	1966,1967,1968	Feb. 25, 1966	4,030	41.5		58.5
	1967,1968,1969	Feb.20-24,1967	6,375	61.0		39.0
	1968,1969,1970	Feb.19-23,1968	5,882	56.0		44.0
	1971,1972,1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	3,976	19.2		80.8
Cigar filler (41)	1951,1952,1953	Dec. 20, 1950	3,348	11.8	9.8	78.4
	1952,1953,1954	Dec. 7, 1951	2,648	21.4	12.1	66.5
	1953,1954,1955	Oct. 29, 1952	1,670	26.3	12.1	61.6
	1954,1955,1956	Oct. 29, 1953	1,479	17.4	7.0	75.6
	1955, 1956,1957	Dec. 17, 1954	1,895	8.4	3.8	87.7
	1956,1957,1958	Dec. 29, 1955	1,887	11.3		88.7
	1959,1960,1961	Feb. 24, 1959	2,382	7.9		92.1
	1962,1963,1964	Feb. 20, 1962	4,275	13.8		86.2
	1965,1966,1967	Feb. 18, 1965	3,206	11.8		88.2
	1968,1969,1970	Feb.19-23,1968	2,034	19.0		81.0
	1971,1972,1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	1,412	22.5		77.5

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TOBACCO (continued)

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast		
				For three years	For one year	Against quotas
Cigar	1951,1952,1953	Dec. 20, 1950	5,564	43.8	23.0	33.2
filler and	1952,1953,1954	Dec. 7, 1951	4,213	42.4	23.3	34.3
binder	1953,1954,1955	Oct. 29, 1952	4,854	61.7	13.2	25.1
(42-55)	1954,1955,1956	Oct. 29, 1953	3,896	77.0	12.6	10.4
(42-44,	1957,1958,1959	Feb. 13, 1957	3,944	94.0		5.9
53-55)	1960,1961,1962	Feb. 11, 1960	3,805	95.4		4.6
	1963,1964,1965	Feb. 26, 1963	3,401	89.6		10.4
	1966,1967,1968	Feb. 10, 1966	3,659	91.3		8.7
	1969,1970,1971	Feb. 24-27, 1969	4,813	84.6		15.4
	1972,1973,1974	Jan. 10-14, 1972	3,629	91.2		8.8
(51-52)	1957,1958,1959	Feb. 13, 1957	1,862	98.0		2.0
	1960,1961,1962	Feb. 11, 1960	797	89.7		10.3
	1963,1964,1965	Feb. 26, 1963	349	96.0		4.0
	1966,1967,1968	Feb. 10, 1966	354	96.6		3.4
	1969,1970,1971 <u>6/</u>	Feb. 24-27, 1969	462	92.0		8.0
	1972,1973,1974 <u>6/</u>	Jan. 10-14, 1972	282	92.2		7.8

1/ Vote on alternative acreage-poundage quotas.

2/ Votes for and against redetermination of 1955 quota in referendum held under 69 Stat. 23.

3/ Referendum for both kinds combined.

4/ Quotas on 1943 crop terminated August 14, 1943.

5/ Quotas not in effect in 1944 and 1945.

6/ Marketing quotas terminated for the 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 crops.

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